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In re the Application of:

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated as mailed on October 5, 2000 and having a period for response extending through and including January 5, 2001, please amend the application as indicated below and consider the subsequent remarks.

A check in the amount of Two Hundred and Sixty Three Dollars (\$263.00) is enclosed to cover: the fee of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.492(b) for five (5) additional independent claims in excess of three (3) as a result of the claims presented herein; the fee of Sixty Three Dollars (\$63.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.492(c) for seven (7) additional claims in excess of twenty as a result of the claims presented herein. If the enclosed payment is in error, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby expressly authorized to debit or credit Deposit Account No.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel, without prejudice, Claims 10 and 47.

- (Amended) A system for framing at least a portion of a structure having a foundation, said system comprising: